# Buckner

## Caring Communities

### Data Book



A review and analysis of the community surrounding the Caring Communities site located at Buckner Elementary School in Buckner, Mo.





### Introduction

### **About Caring Communities**

Caring Communities was developed by the Local Investment Commission (LINC) to fulfill the role once played by the courthouse square: a place where the community gathers together, shares ideas, and holds neighborhood events. The growth of Caring Communities reflects increasing national interest in creating "community schools."

The LINC Caring Communities effort, which began in 1992, has grown to 80 sites in seven school districts in Kansas City and Jackson County, MO. LINC's school district partners include Kansas City, Independence, Fort Osage, North Kansas City, Hickman Mills, Grandview and Center. Other partners include charter schools, local government, state agencies, and community organizations.

### What is a Community School?

A community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community stakeholders which leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. Community schools are open to everyone—all day, including evenings and weekends. Community-based organizations or public institutions often work as lead agencies in community schools, helping to mobilize community assets and support students success.

**Coalition for Community Schools** www.communityschools.org

#### **About This Book**

The Buckner Caring Communities Data Book is intended to provide useful information for decision-makers of the Buckner community — parents, neighbors, site council members, staff and the general public. We hope the facts, figures and resources contained in this book will help these decision-makers to better understand their neighborhoods and identify needs and opportunities for better coordination of services. We hope this book will help build on the success of Caring Communities and help it thrive in the future.

To request additional copies of this book, or to suggest improvements for future editions of this book, contact the Buckner Caring Communities Site Coordinator. The book is also available to download for free at <a href="https://www.kclinc.org/fortosage">www.kclinc.org/fortosage</a>

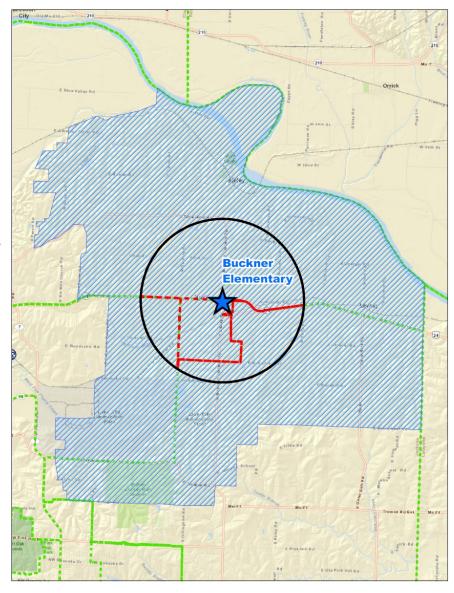
**Buckner Caring Communities Established 1992** 

### **Community Analysis Zone (CAZ)**

The Community Analysis Zone (CAZ) for the Buckner community was established using Buckner Elementary School as a reference point and includes the area within a two-mile radius of the school (the black circle in the map at right). The school catchment area is displayed by the white and blue striped area.

The CAZ delimits an area that overlaps, but is not identical to, the Benton school boundaries (blue shaded area). The CAZ allows for analysis of data about residents, neighborhoods and services that, while not necessarily located within the official school boundaries, nevertheless pertains directly to the community served by the Caring Communities site.

For the purpose of this book the boundaries of the Buckner CAZ and the "Buckner community" are the same, and the terms "CAZ" and "community" are used interchangeably.



Data for the site book was obtained from a number of resources including but not limited to the City of Buckner, Mo.; U.S. Census Bureau; Jackson County, Mo.; Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services; United Way of Greater Kansas City; Missouri Department of Social Services; University of Missouri-Kansas City Center for Economic Information; and University of Michigan National Poverty Center.

Community data was analyzed by census tract (red boundaries) within the CAZ. Census tracts are small, relatively permanent statistical subdivisions of a county delineated by local participants as part of the U.S. Census Bureau's Participant Statistical Areas Program. The U.S. Census Bureau delineated census tracts in situations where no local participant existed or where local or tribal governments declined to participate. Census tracts generally have between 1,500 and 8,000 people, with an optimum size of 4,000 people. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau).

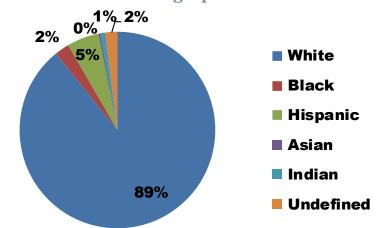
### **Education**

### **Buckner Elementary**

**Total Enrollment: 374** 

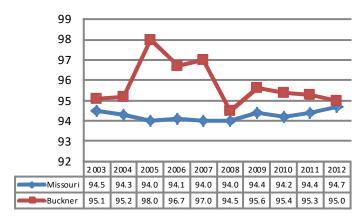
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### **2012 Student Demographics**



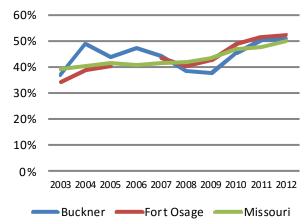
Source: Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

#### 2012 Student Attendance Rate



 $Source: {\it Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education}$ 

### Free/Reduced Lunch

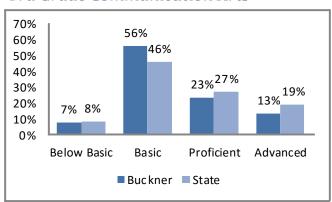


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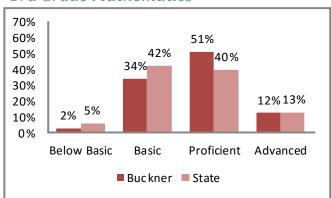
### **Education**

### 2012 Missouri Assessment Program (MAP)

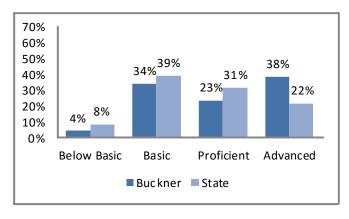
### 3rd Grade Communication Arts



#### 3rd Grade Mathematics

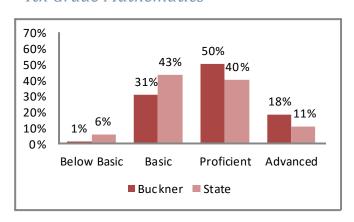


#### 4th Grade Communication Arts



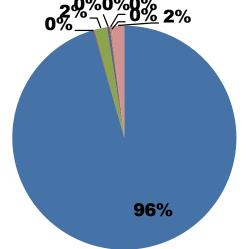
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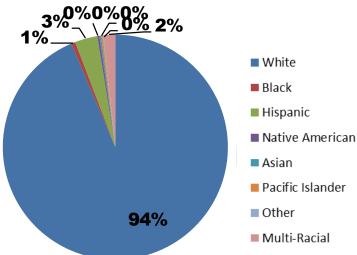
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### **Demographics**

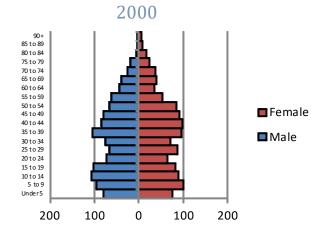


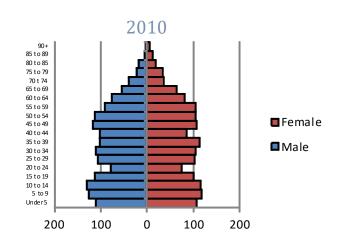




Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### Age by Sex





Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### **Family Type with Related Children**

	2000	2010	% Change
Total Population	2,293	3,011	31%
Total Families	633	812	28%
Married Families	488	618	27%
With Children Under Age 18	248	291	17%
Single Male Households	45	70	56%
With Children Under Age 18	29	49	69%
Single Female Households	100	124	24%
With Children Under Age 18	72	92	28%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

### **Economy**

	Buckner	Jackson County
Median Income	\$67,293	\$46,252
<b>Unemployment Rate</b>	6.3%	8.8%

Source: U.S. Census

### **Poverty**

	Buckner	Jackson County
2000	7.6%	11.9%
2010	8.9%	15.7%

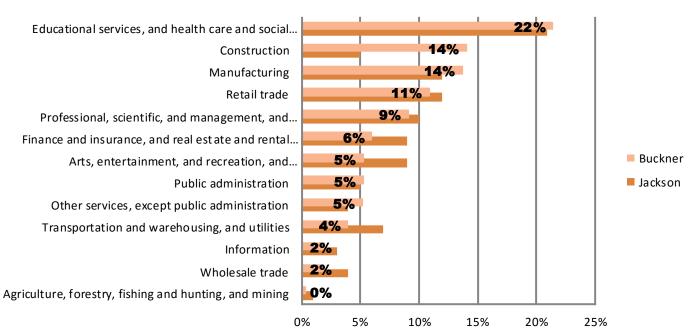
U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

2010 Poverty Thresholds, Selected Family Types			
Single Individual	Under 65	\$	11,344
Single individual	65 years and Older	\$	10,458
	One Child	\$	15,030
Single Parent	Two Children	\$	17,568
	No Children	\$	14,602
	One Child	\$	17,552
Two Adults	Two Children	\$	22,113
	Three Children	\$	26,023

Note: The United States determines the official poverty rate using poverty thresholds that are issued each year by the Census Bureau. The thresholds represent the annual amount of cash income minimally required to support families of various sizes. A family is counted as poor if its pretax money income is below its poverty threshold. Money income does not include noncash benefits such as public housing, Medicaid, employer-provided health insurance and food stamps.

Source: National Poverty Center

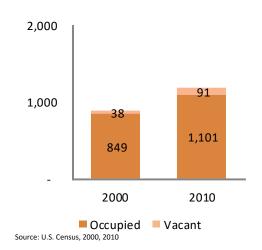
### **Employment by Industry**



U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

### **Housing**

#### **Vacant Houses**

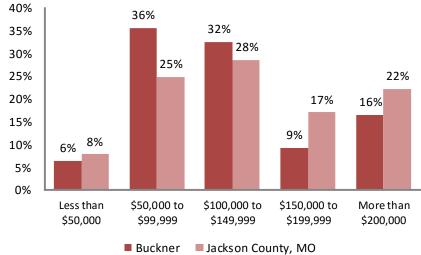


### **Vacancy Rate**

	2000	2010
Buckner	4.3%	7.7%
Jackson County	7.6%	12.0%

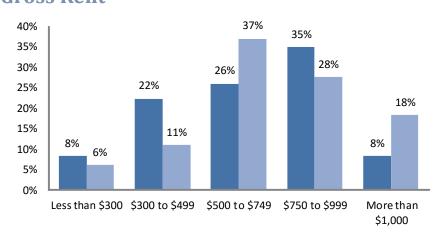
Source: U.S. Census, 2000, 2010

### **Home Values**



Source: U.S. Census, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

### **Gross Rent**



Housing Characteristics	2000 to 2010 Change
Housing Units	34%
Tenure Owner Renter	28% 36%
Units Moved into Previous Five Years	9%
Age of Housing Stock	2010 Percent
Less than 5 Years	8%
Less than 10 Years	15%
Less than 20 Years	26%
Less than 30 Years	33%
Less than 40 Years	64%
More than 50 Years	36%

Source: U.S. Census, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

■ Buckner ■ Jackson County, MO
Source: U.S. Census, 2010 ACS 5 Year Estimates

### **Community Resources**

#### **Parks**

		Acres
Heisler Park	306 N. Park Ave, Buckner, MO	n/a

Source: City of Buckner Dept. of Parks and Recreation

### **Food Pantries**

Harvesters Food Pantry	3720 North Buckner-Tarsney Rd.	Buckner	МО
LINC Fort Osage Food Pantry	19009 Susquehanna Ridge	Independence	MO

Source: United Way of Greater Kansas City

### **Nursing Homes**

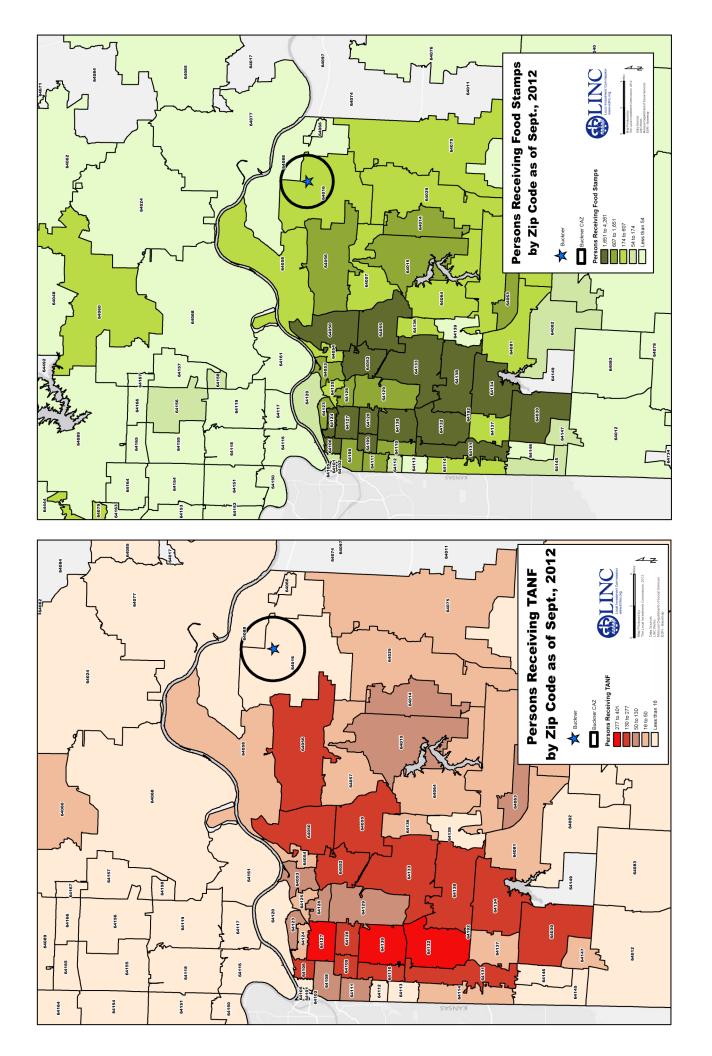
Buckner Senior Citizens Inc.	129 S. Sibley St.	Buckner	МО
Buckner Senior Citizens Inc.	115 N. Hudson St.	Buckner	МО

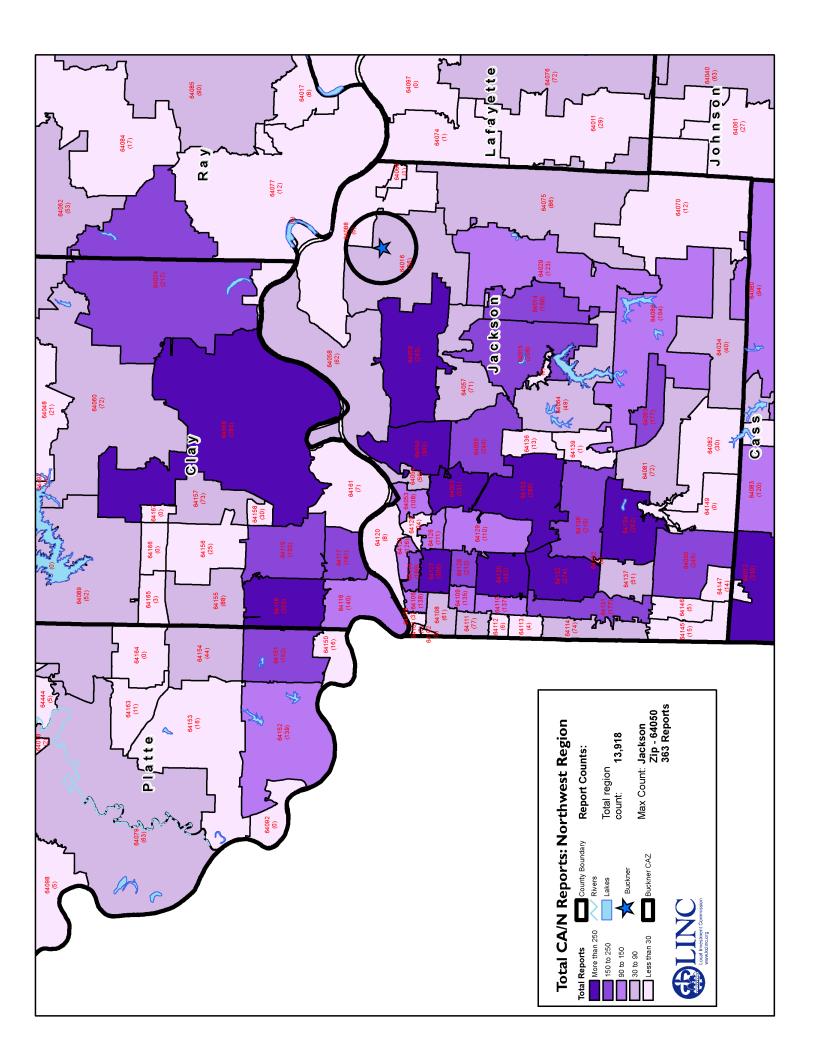
Source: Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services

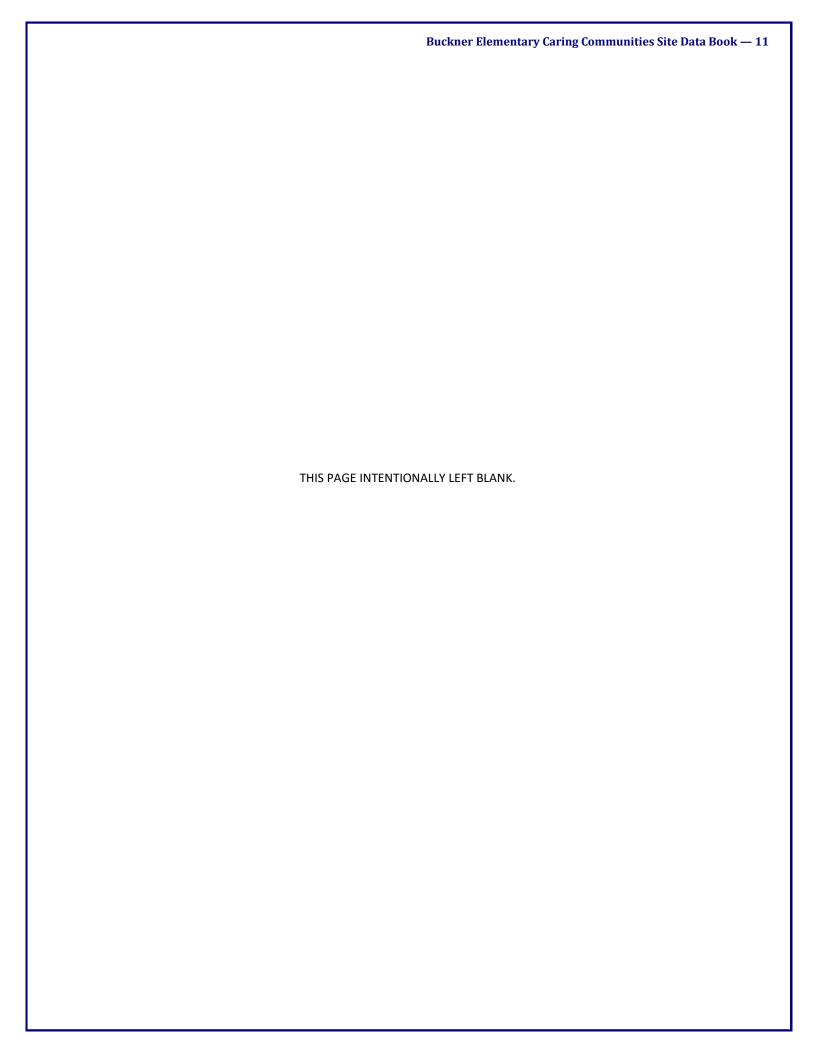
### **Churches**

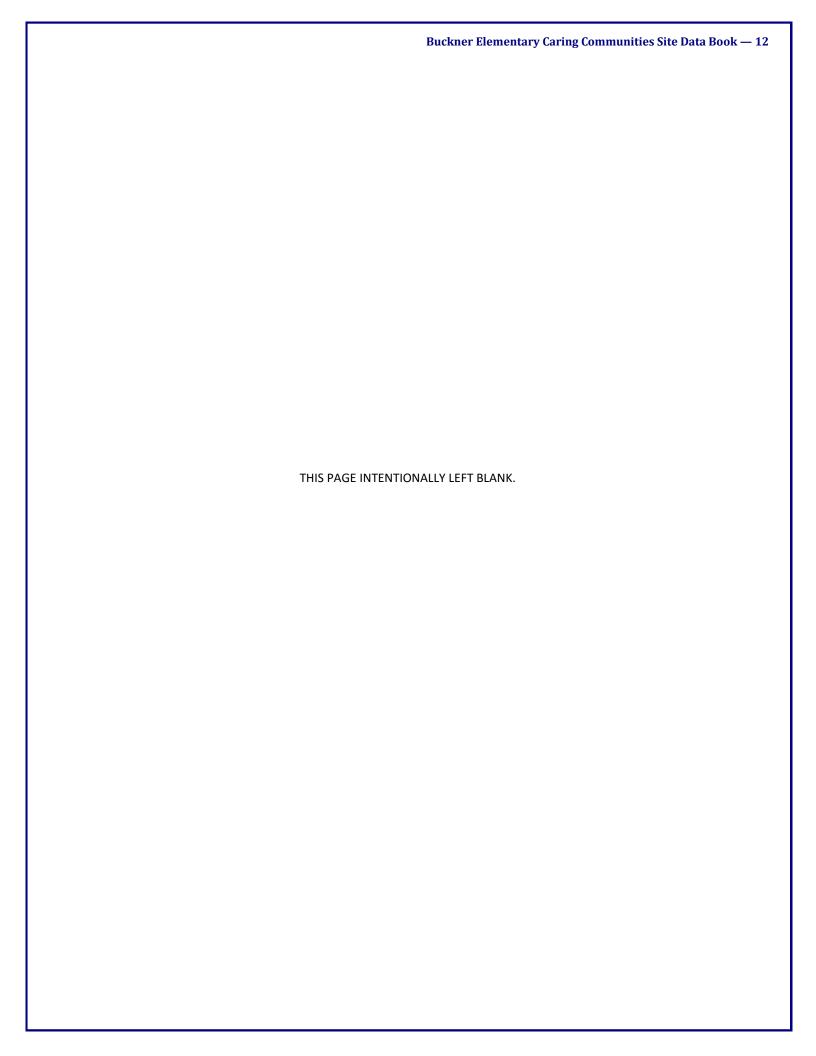
Anchor Truth Church Of God	206 N Sibley St	Buckner	МО
Catholic Church-Santa Fe	PO Box 317	Buckner	МО
Christian Church	126 S Hudson St	Buckner	МО
First Baptist Church	131 S Hudson St	Buckner	МО
Heart Of God Fellowship	203 N Hudson St	Buckner	МО
Israel's Gathering	1205 S Sibley St	Buckner	МО
Living Waters Family Worship	211 S Osage St	Buckner	МО
United Methodist Church	PO Box 318	Buckner	МО

Source: Yellowpages









### **Data Resources**

Buckner Area Civic Organizations
City of Buckner, MO
City of Independence, Mo.
Jackson County, Mo.
Independence, Mo. Department of Parks and Recreation
Kansas City Free Health Clinic
Mid-America Regional Council
Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Missouri Department of Social Services
Missouri Department of Health and Human Services
Independence Public School District
United States Census Bureau
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
United States Department of Labor
United Way of Greater Kansas City
University of Missouri-Kansas City Center for Economic Information

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